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SUBJECT: U. S. CITIZEN "VOLUNTEERS" IN IDF

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1. YOU SHOULD AVOID GETTING INTO STERILE EXERCISE OF ARGUING QUESTION OF SO CALLED US "VOLUNTEERS" FIGHTING IN ISRAEL OR CITING ESTIMATED FIGURES.

2. FACT IS THAT A NUMBER OF US CITIZENS HAVE TRAVELED TO ISRAEL DURING THIS PERIOD TO WORK IN CIVILIAN SECTOR OF ECONOMY THEREBY RELEASING IDF RESERVISTS TO FIGHT. USG HAS NOT DISCOURAGED U.S. CITIZENS FROM TAKING NON-POLICY MAKING POSITIONS IN CIVILIAN ECONOMY EITHER BEFORE OR DURING WAR.

3. IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD REITERATE THAT US POLICY IS TO DISCOURAGE U.S. CITIZENS FROM FIGHTING IN FOREIGN ARMY AND THAT NO U.S. CITIZENS HAVE FOUGHT ON ISRAEL'S BEHALF WITH

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KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL OF USG. YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT USG

ADVISES ALL INQUIRERS THAT CITIZENS WHO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE
IN FOREIGN ARMY CAN JEOPARDIZE THEIR U.S. CITIZENSHIP UNDER
U.S. LAW. YOU SHOULD AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO CONVERSATION
ON FINE POINTS OF APPLICABLE U.S. LAWS AND COURT DECISIONS.

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